My dear friend — Roxbury January 30. 1829

Yours of the 10 & 11 inst I received - and are glad you received mine of Dec^r 27^th with the Grape cuttings I believe it happend once more that we both set down to write on the same day - agreeable to my promise I wrote you I think on the 10^th as I do not make a minute of the day - nor do I of the Vessell on all occasions which I write [illegible] as I should do - but on or about the 10^th I wrote you and put on board the Packett for New York a bundle of choice Grape cuttings - which I hope has arrived safe - they were from the most valued Grape vines in this section - if they are acceptable I shall be gratified - and if they are such as you abound in I know you will take Wine for the deed - I am very desirous if possible at all times to procure something which may be acceptable to you - and now I have to ask of you weather you have an Apple called the Rock Apple - we have in our neighbourhood several Trees of this extraordinary Apple - they are a very fine Apple when in eating - which by the way is never until they are a Year Old - those apple have been sent Canton and returned sound and good they frequently are sent to England and are as good when the Vessell returns as when she left here - if you have not got them I will send you some scions - I thought they might be an acquisition to your Nursery - Mrs. H - and myself feel equally under Obligation to you for your kind remembrance in the compliments of the season - and are as desirous that you and yours may have a double share with us - Miss Williams is yet with us - not married - but waiting for one of your Sons to come this way - My little Theoda is as you say grown a large Girl - although not yet 9 years old - and I must say she is a good as she is large - a kind - good disposition - fond of her school and allowed by all the best scholar - she flourishes about

with her Medal at all times - which is no great hardship for her to obtain while she is so intent to her studies whenever I have a letter from you she enquires of it is from her Darling as your Son always called her - and when I tell her William has got another Darling now she replies - O thats two bad - but at the same time longs to see him - I have been pretty much at home this winter to avoid the cold - for the very reason which you was so kind as to remind me of - that is that my lungs have not yet got as strong as formerly - as soon as it gits a little more mild and pleasant - I will go to the Botanick Garden - as they warm their Greenhouse with Steam - but yet I know they have fleurs in addition and so has Lowell - but I will give you a full discreption of both early in the spring - And now friend I beg you not again to apologise for not answering any of my letters early - I know you two well to ever doubt your inclenation to afford me any pleasure when it is in your power - and I should be unreasonable indeed - should I require you to neglect such important business in the least on my account - at the same time I hope you will write as often as your other concerns will permit - for if I have any pleasures now they are amongst my greatest to have a letter from you - I hope you do not give up the Idea of seeing us here this winter - come and your wife and such others of your family as can leave home - consider I have never yet had the pleasure of seeing your wife - but have frequently heard of her and the more I hear the more we wish to see her - As to your trouble by having Carpenters Masons - Painters and Glaziers - this I know all about - and I could superintend them all and twice as many - easier than I could attend your Green house - for more than 20 Years I had about 100 such men to work under my direction - and I now estimate that time as the happiest part of my life - as I understood that business as well as you or your sons does them Presently - Mrs Hunewell's health

has not been as good this winter as formerly - but we hope now the Sun is coming towards us we hope both of us to recruit - My Green house looks very well considering the scarcity of it - no frost has entered it yet and I am not afraid that it will — in my last I requested as a favour that you would inform me concerning the Grisavelle Rose how it should be treated and at what age I may expect to see the flower - mine looks remarkable well — also how you treat your Camelias after blowing - and what earth is best for them - I had four quite large - two white and one of Lady Humes blush and double red which you was kind enough to give me - a Year ago they were in fine blow - but last fall I found they begin to droop - I examined the roots of one and found the root was a solid mass round the pot - and very much decayed & rotten - I had them all shifted by washing the roots clean and then put them in fresh earth. half sand and half loam - two of them are one white and the Ladies Hume blush I hope to save but the other two are lost - had it not been for your kindness I should not have had one double one in bloom this winter that one looks finely - and my Gardner says one which I was in hopes of saving is lost my health will not admit of my going into the Green House as often as I could wish - the time was when I would not have minded the loss of any plant that was then while there was enough to sell - and I had money enough to buy with - but now the times are changed - and I think my attachment to flowers increase - as my abilities to procure them decrease - but I shall endeavour to think often of our Minister Mr Young which you Gave as your Authority for contentment - his preaching I like - but should like it better if it would favour a few plants in my Green house - by the way - Mr Young lost his only child last week about 9 or 10 months old - and now he may learn that lesson himself - and especially as he will have another in 2 or 3 months more - I know nothing about the trade of New York nor their situation - but Boston was never so dull - and so little business of any kind It appears

to me that Bankruptcy is staring most of our Traders and Merchants in the face - scarce a day but some one or more take place and our Laws are not like yours - here a Creditor will make his own terms or hold your subject to arrest as long as you live if he pleases - but our Legislature are now in session and have the subject before them - it is hoped and expected that they will do something to relieve this class of the suffering people - There is many projects here now for a rail road to Providence - and one thro to Hudson - but I

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